



December YQCA Training

All 4-H members enrolled in beef, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine projects are required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training to exhibit livestock. This training must be completed by June 15, 2020.

The first in-person training will be Monday, December 30 for all ages at 10:00 a.m. at the Otoe County Fair Center.

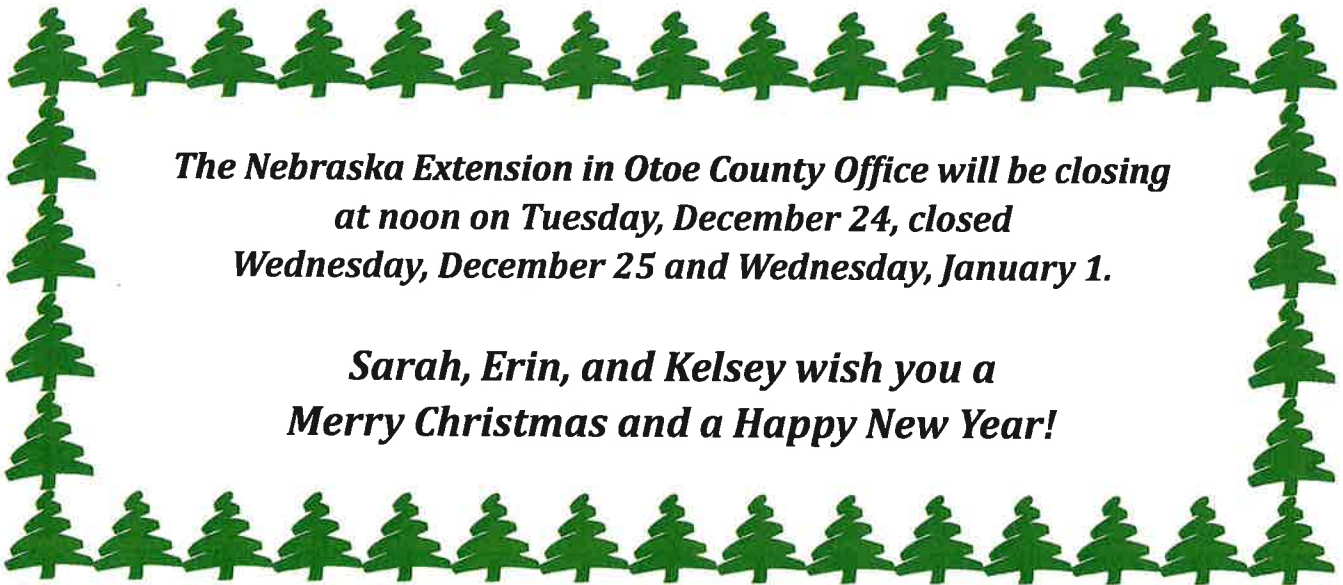
Please call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301 to pre-register, but **YOU STILL NEED TO REGISTER ON LINE AT YQCA.ORG!** If you have questions or need assistance, please call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.

4-H Foundation Banquet

Mark your calendars for the Otoe County 4-H Foundation Banquet on **Saturday, February 1, 6:30 p.m. at the Kimmel Event Center in Syracuse.** Featured speaker is Dr. Mark Balschweid, Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication Department Head.

Mark was a nine-year member of the Brush Riders 4-H Horse Club in Albany, Oregon. His message is sure to entertain and inspire us.

Check out the enclosed flyer for more information. **The foundation is accepting donations for auction items. If you have anything you would like to donate, please let us know!**



*The Nebraska Extension in Otoe County Office will be closing
at noon on Tuesday, December 24, closed
Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, January 1.*

*Sarah, Erin, and Kelsey wish you a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

4-H Achievement Celebration Thank You!

Thank you to all - 4-H members, parents, leaders, and council members - who made the 4-H Achievement Celebration a fun and successful event!

Congratulations to the following who were voted on by the 4-H Council and received their awards at the Achievement Celebration:

- Outstanding 4-H Alumni - Sherlyn Damme, Syracuse
- Friend of 4-H - Kathleen Rulla, Sterling
- 4-H Leaders of Excellence - Michael and Brenda Wieckhorst, Nebraska City



Year End Treasurer's Report Due

Just a reminder that the Year End Treasurer's report for each 4-H club for the 2019 4-H year is due in to the Extension Office on or before **January 15, 2020**. The form will be sent to each organizational leader in December. This needs to be completed even if you have a balance of zero in your account.

Otoe County Senior Scholarships

Two scholarship applications available from the Otoe County 4-H Foundation were mailed to high school seniors. These scholarships are the:

1) **Otoe County 4-H Foundation Scholarship** – five \$1,500 scholarships are awarded to Otoe County 4-H members.

2) **Miyoshi-Smith Family Leadership Scholarship** – one \$500 scholarship will be awarded to an Otoe County 4-H member.

The applications are due **January 15, 2020**. The scholarships will be awarded at the Otoe County 4-H Foundation banquet on Saturday, February 1, 2020.

4-H Achievement Celebration Door Prize Winners

Congratulations

Congratulations to Brooke Badberg and Deryk McCown! Their names were drawn as door prize winners of a \$50 4-H Camp Scholarship sponsored by the 4-H Council at the Achievement Celebration. Congratulations also to Jacob Rumery for winning the \$25 Subway gift card.

2020 4-H Council Officers and Members

Chair: Julie Hippen
Vice Chair: Wendy Boitnott
Secretary: Angela Parsons
Treasurer: Erika Wood

The adult members are: Mendy Houghton and Erin Johnson. The youth members are: Bailey Boitnott, Erin Chambers, Emily Van Meter, Katelynn Moser, Sydney Parsons, and Mason Wieckhorst.

The Otoe County 4-H Council works hard to bring relevant and innovative 4-H programming to Otoe County. Please visit with any 4-H Council member about your ideas to enhance the Otoe County 4-H program.

Otoe County 4-H Beef News

- The Otoe County 4-H Market Beef Weigh-In/Tagging will be Saturday, January 25, 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m., Kimmel Arena.
- All Bucket Calf +1 market calves must be weighted-in
- The Otoe County 4-H Council approved at its November 16, 2017 meeting that it is now **mandatory** for Market Beef to be weighed and tagged at a 4-H approved event.
- Market Beef that want to show at STATE FAIR or AKSARBEN must have DNA samples. DNA can be pulled at this time but exhibitor is responsible to nominate their own animal by April 15th online at www.showstockmgr.com.
- There will be a \$2.00 charge for the EID tag per head.



Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop is scheduled for **January 18-19 at the Nebraska Game & Parks Outdoor Education Center in Lincoln**. The deadline to register for the Lincoln session is January 8th.

Volunteers have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) or apprentice (14-20 years old) leader. Five project areas will be offered at the Lincoln Workshop - rifle, pistol, muzzleloading, archery and coordinator. There is a minimum number of participants needed to offer these disciplines at the workshops. Workshop participants will learn under expert instruction from members of the Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports Training Team.

The registration fee is \$110.00 per adult, while Early Apprentice registration fee is \$90. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. The 4-H Council has allocated dollars towards Shooting Sports Certification. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Extension Office to see if dollars are still available for your use. The 4-H Council **will reimburse your registration fee following the workshop**. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. The registration on Saturday runs from 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

For more information and the registration link, go to the 4-H Shooting Sports web page at: 4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/instructor/calendar. Contact the Extension Office at 402-269-2301 or Steve Pritchard at 402-395-2158 if you have additional questions. Registration is available only online at the website provided.



4-H Shooting Sports
Learn by Doing

First Lego League State Qualifier Tournament

The first Lego League tournament will be Saturday, January 25, 2020 at the Nebraska City High School, 141 Steinhart Park Road.

Middle school youth from across the state are gearing up for the First Lego League State Qualifier in Nebraska City. The public is invited to attend.

First Lego League introduces young people to the fun and excitement of science and technology. Teams will compete in an autonomous robot challenge and create innovative learning solutions addressing how together we can build better communities, all while working within the FLL core values of gracious professionalism. Competing in this year's tournament will be 30 teams from across the area, including three Nebraska City teams. You can follow your favorite team throughout most of the day or hang out to watch the robot table.

We are also scouting for volunteers to help us host this great event. You don't have to be a robotics genius to volunteer (although we would love it if you were). We need people to be time keepers, evaluate teamwork, and provide and serve food too! No matter what your expertise, we are looking for people like you. Please consider volunteering.

The required background check for adult volunteers is free....we are picking up the tab for this! So, just click right on through. We will do whatever it takes to help assure our parents that we are providing the safest possible environment for our youth.

To volunteer, create a user account at <https://www.firstinspires.org>. You will need to:

- create a FIRST volunteer user account,
- indicate the event in which you would like to volunteer (Pick Nebraska City on January 25 please!) and
- select a preferred volunteer position.

Here's a link to a visual guide of how to register as a volunteer <https://unl.box.com/v/2018volunteerguide>. (This is still relevant for 2020!)

Improving the Bottom-line of Breeding: Three State Beef Conference

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to "Improving the Bottom-line of Breeding: Three State Beef Conference" which will be on Thursday, January 16, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Otoe County Fair Center, 197 Plum Street, in Syracuse.

In a joint effort, Nebraska, Missouri and Iowa Extension are hosting this meeting to address how to set up an economical and successful breeding season.

Presentations include:

Pre-calving nutritional strategies: Am I staying ahead or getting behind?
Dr. Travis Mulliniks, Range Cow Nutritionist, University of Nebraska

Vaccines and implants: Effects on production and reproduction
Dr. Craig Payne, DVM, Extension Veterinarian, University of Missouri Extension

Reproductive performance: Are you leaving money on the table?
Dr. Jordan Thomas, State Beef Reproduction Specialist, University of Missouri Extension

The registration fee is \$25 per person, which covers a copy of the conference proceedings and a hot supper. Please **pre-register by Friday, January 10** by calling the University of Nebraska Extension in Otoe County office at 402-269-2301 or by emailing otoe-county@unl.edu.

Premium Checks

The Otoe County Ag Society requests that you please cash your premium checks by **Saturday, February 1!**

**Otoe County 4-H Foundation
8th Annual Banquet**



***Saturday, February 1, 2020
6:00 p.m. Doors Open, 6:30 p.m. Appetizers
7:00 p.m. Four Meat Dinner***

**Keynote Speaker: Mark Balschweid, UNL Department Head
of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication
Rural Futures Institute Interim Executive Director**

Silent Auction and Live Auction Fun!

***Kimmel Event Center, Syracuse, Nebraska
Tickets: \$25.00 each or Sponsor a Table of 8 for \$180.00***

***RSVP: Friday, January 24, 2020
by calling the Extension Office at 402-269-2301
or by calling an Otoe County 4-H Foundation Director listed below.***

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***Since 2012, over \$45,000 awarded in college scholarships, grants,
outdoor arena funds, 4-H camp scholarships, and more!***

Please continue your support of the Otoe County 4-H Foundation!

December 2019

Merry
Christmas

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Office Closing at Noon	25 OFFICE CLOSED 	26	27	28
29	30 YQCA Training 10:00 a.m. at the Fair Center	31				

January 2020

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5	6 4-H Foundation Youth Director Applications Due	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 4-H Council - 7:00 p.m.	14	15 Year-End Treasurer's Report Due 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications Due	16 Improving the Bottom-line of Breeding: Three State Beef Conference	17	18 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop at Lincoln
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26	27	28	29	30	31	*Cash premium checks before February 1

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January 6, 2020

- 4-H Foundation Youth Director Applications Due

January 15, 2020

- Year-End Treasurer's Report Due
- 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications Due



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